

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 22-24 are pending.

In the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, the reissue declaration has been alleged to be defective for failing to contain a statement that errors arose without deceptive intentions and for failing to contain any real statement of error. Applicants respectfully submit that the declaration is not defective, and in particular that it contains the requisite statement regarding lack of deceptive intention on page 2. In the interest of advancing prosecution, submitted herewith is a substitute reissue declaration that contains the requisite statement regarding lack of deceptive intention, and that contains a statement of a specific error being corrected. Please substitute the enclosed reissue declaration for the declaration submitted on July 2, 2003.

Claims 1-3 and 22-24 have been rejected as based upon an allegedly defective reissue declaration. In view of the submission of the enclosed reissue declaration, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 22-24 have been objected to as allegedly improper in that they are not entirely underlined. Claims 1-3 have been canceled without prejudice and Claims 22-24 have been represented in underlined form. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly rendered obvious by U.S. Patent No. 6,124,353 to Woodward. In the interest of advancing prosecution, Claims 1-3 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter of Claims 1-3. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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